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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Eiji KASUTANI
IMAGE RETRIEVAL DEVICE, IMAGE
RETRIEVAL METHOD AND STORAGE
MEDIUM STORING SIMILAR-IMAGE RETRIEVAL PROGRAM
Our Ref. Q62251

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 32 sheets of the specification, claims, 3 sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The Assignment will be filed at a later date.

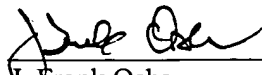
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>27</u>	-	20	=	<u>7</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$126.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	3	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$80.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$710.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$916.00</u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$916.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 10, 1999 based on Japanese Application No. 351657/1999. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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